

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 64 at lines 12 to 29 with the following:

To a 250 milliliter glass flask were added the following reaction mixture components: ~~dimethylterephthalate (48.54 grams), 1,3-propanediol (38.04 grams),~~ isophthalate-3-sodium sulfonate, (2.96 grams), dimethyl adipate, (43.55 grams), 1,2,4,5-benzenetetracarboxylic dianhydride, (0.098 grams), and titanium(IV) isopropoxide, (0.0582 grams). The reaction mixture was stirred and heated to 180 °C under a slow nitrogen purge. After reaching 180 °C, the reaction mixture was heated to 200 °C over 1.5 hours with stirring under a slow nitrogen purge. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 200 °C for 1.0 hour with a slight nitrogen purge. The reaction mixture was then heated to 255 °C over 1.0 hour with stirring and a slow nitrogen purge. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred at 255°C under a slight nitrogen purge for 0.5 hours. 21.35 grams of a colorless distillate was collected over this heating cycle. The reaction mixture was then staged to full vacuum with stirring at 255 °C. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 0.8 hours under full vacuum, (pressure less than 100 mtorr). The vacuum was then released with nitrogen and the reaction mass allowed to cool to room temperature. An additional 8.39 grams of distillate was recovered and 86.0 grams of a solid product was recovered.